

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 26, 2023

The Tree of Life

Welcoming and Announcements

Centring Music: Be Thou My Vision

*“Slane”, Irish Melody, arranged by Joel Ramey*

Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Candles of Lent

On the path to the cross, **lead us to the truth.**

On the path to the truth, **lead us to the light.**

On the path of light, **lead us to love.**

We light the Christ candle in honour of the Son  
who came bringing truth, light and love.

Opening Hymn: **And on This Path** (More Voices 8)

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1 And on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
and on this path,  
the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide  
The gates are open wide!

2 So enter in  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
so enter in  
the gates of holiness are open wide,  
so enter in  
the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!

Opening Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Anthem: Walk Dem Bones!

*Sandra Berry Musser*

Reflection: “Down Under”

Hymn of the Day: **10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

*CCLI Song # 6016351*

*Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman*

*Chorus*

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
We'll worship Your holy name

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before us  
Let us be singing when the evening comes *Chorus*

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness we will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for our hearts to find *Chorus*

3 And on that day when our strength is failing  
The end draws near and our time has come  
Still our souls will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Chorus*

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
We'll worship Your holy name  
We'll worship Your holy name

Invitation to Offering

Choral Response: What Can I Do? (More Voices 191)

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What can I do?  
What can I bring?  
What can I say?  
What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy.  
I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love.  
I'll do my share.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
(Voices United 375)

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Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons  
you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings. *Refrain*

2 You swept thro' the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people  
with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded  
with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets  
to open their eyes. *Refrain*

3 You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city  
you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow  
the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions  
your people arise. *Refrain*

**Benediction: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**  
(Voices United 121)

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God of all our fear and sorrow,  
God who lives beyond our death;  
hold us close through each tomorrow,  
love as near as every breath,  
love as near as every breath.

*Five candles of Lent are extinguished.*

**Blessing**

**Postlude: Fanfare**

*by Jacques Lemmens, arranged by David Paxton*

Worship Leadership – Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leadership - Sharon Prindle-Collins  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
Scripture Reading – Ruth Schulz  
Greeters– Orma Paton  
Spirit Kids Program – Nancy Walker  
Technical Support – Bob Krueckl and Ron Norman  
Fellowship Time – Men’s Breakfast Group  
Flowers for the service are offered by Bill and Clare Walker in  
celebration of the lives of Bill’s parents, Margaret and Bob Walker.  
Flowers are also offered by Beth & Glenn Parsons and Bruce &  
Margaret Carruthers in celebration of the life of their mother.